GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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TRANSFER OF ASSETS OF NISST TO ICAR
A. VENKATESH NAIK;ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to transfer the assets of National Institute of Sugarcane and Sugar Technology to the Indian Council of Agriculture Research;

(b) whether the Central Monitoring Group has also recommended to transfer the assets of NISST to the Indian Council of Agriculture Research;

(c) if so, the present status of the proposal; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Central Monitoring Group in its meeting held on 27th January, 2000, recommended as follows:

`As the National Institute of Sugarcane and Sugar Technology, Mau has not yet fullydeveloped as an Institution, though a substantial investment has been made in infrastructure like buildings; the group strongly recommended the winding up of this Institution and transfer of the buildings along with land to any Central Agency which is looking for accommodation in this area. If no such central institution shows any interest, the Department should also explore the possibility of transferring the assets to the State Government. The specialized functions, if any, which are to be performed by this Institute could as well as be entrusted to the NSI,Kanpur which has a good track report in promotion of sugar technology and in training of personnel for eventual employment in sugar industry.`

(c)&(d): Pursuant to the recommendations of the Central Monitoring Group, Government hastaken up the matter of transfer of the assets of NISST to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) so that the assets created at NISST, Mau and the capita expenditure incurred on it can be fruitfully utilized by the Council which is a body under the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation.The Planning Commission has conveyed its no objection to ICAR for taking overand utilizing the assets and the infrastructure at NISST, Mau.